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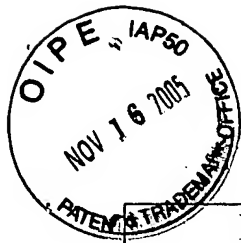
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2005, which set a one month period for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on or before November 17, 2005.

The Examiner has set out a Restriction Requirement, and required election of one of the following groups of claims:

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| Group I | Claims 1-4, drawn to methods of gene mapping; |
| Group II | Claims 5-7, drawn to computer-readable medium; |
| Group III | Claim 8, drawn to oligonucleotide primers; |
| Group IV | Claims 9-12, drawn to methods of assessing, susceptibility of a human subject to psoriasis vulgaris. |

The Examiner also indicated that Groups I or IV are subject to further restriction. With respect to Group I, the Examiner required election of a specific combination of SEQ ID NOS:1-27088 for the examination of claim 3. It is noted that claims 1, 2, and 4 will not be limited by the election made for claim 3.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-4.

With respect to claim 3 applicants elect the combination of SEQ ID NOS:1 and 2.

This election is with traverse.

Applicants traverse with respect to the possible characterization of the election required for claim 3. Applicants acknowledge with gratitude that the Examiner has indicated that other claims of Group I (claims 1, 2, and 4) will not be limited to the election made for claim 3.

However, it is not clear whether the election made for claim 3 is an election of species, as the Office Action implies.

Applicants note that the primer sets set out in claim 3 can be used in the practice of any of the methods of claims 1, 2, and 4. Applicants appreciate that the primer sets in claim 3 represent a large number of polynucleotides; however, should claims 1, 2 and 4 be found to be allowable without limitation to a particular primer pair, then the full scope of original claim 3, which depends from claim 1, should likewise be found allowable.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SOKO-003CIP.

Respectfully submitted,
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